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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Stacy S. Cook et al.

Serial No.: 09/778,023

Filed: February 5, 2001

Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR SELF-SERVICE FILM PROCESSING

: By the Examiner:
: D. Rutledge
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Dear Madam:

RESPONSE

An inquiry concerning the Affidavit of Steve Darbin filed on September 26, 2002 was made by the Examiner D. Rutledge on December 12, 2002 via telephone communication. The Examiner inquired about the relationship between Hewlett Packard and Applied Science Fiction. In response, Applicant states the following:

Hewlett Packard at one time was a potential customer of Applied Science Fiction. The invention disclosed in this application were presented to Hewlett Packard during a meeting in January 1999. At that time Hewlett Packard and Eastman Kodak Company were in joint venture together, however that fell through. Applicant believes the information disclosed at this meeting resulted in Hewlett Packard disclosing said information to Kodak. Kodak filed its application (Manico et al US 6,174,094) in which this application is cited in the Office action.

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Applicant believes the Manico patent discloses information conceived from the meeting between Hewlett Packard and Applied Science Fiction.

Applicant conceived the claimed invention prior to the filing date of the Manico reference and acted diligently.

Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of this application. If there are any matters that can be discussed by telephone to further the prosecution of this Application, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney at 512.372.8240 at the Examiner's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,
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